

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2000-006-G - ORDER NO. 2000-668  
AUGUST 17, 2000

IN RE: Annual Review of Purchased Gas	)	ORDER DENYING
Adjustments and Gas Purchasing Policies of	)	REQUEST OF THE
South Carolina Electric and Gas.	)	CONSUMER
	)	ADVOCATE AND
	)	ESTABLISHING
	)	PREFILING DEADLINES

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate) for a prefiling Order which would require South Carolina Electric & Gas (SCE&G) to file its testimony and exhibits with the Commission eight weeks prior to the hearing, and Staff and Intervenors to file two weeks before the hearing. The Consumer Advocate states that due to the increased complexity and range of issues involved in PGA proceedings, the usual time frame of having the Company file four weeks prior to the hearing does not allow intervenors or Staff an adequate opportunity to conduct adequate discovery prior to the date which their prefiled testimony is due.

We have examined this matter, and hold that the Motion must be denied. The Consumer Advocate has made only general statements regarding the "increased complexity and range of issues" in SCE&G PGA cases, but has really not stated any specific issues, nor specific need for

the modification of the normal prefiling times. Further, the Consumer Advocate has demonstrated no prejudice if we deny his request. Consequently, the Motion is denied.

Accordingly, we hereby establish the following prefiling schedule. Pursuant to 26 S.C. Regs. 103-869(C)(Supp.1999), the Commission hereby orders that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of the Applicant shall be prefiled on or before **September 21, 2000**, and that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff and all other parties shall be pre-filed on or before **October 5, 2000**. (Material may be post-marked on these dates.) Also, any rebuttal testimony and exhibits shall be pre-filed on or before **October 12, 2000**, and any surrebuttal testimony and exhibits shall be pre-filed on or before **October 16, 2000**. (Material must be in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the parties on these dates.) It should be noted that acceptance into the record of surrebuttal testimony and exhibits is subject to the discretion of the Commission. In addition, parties shall serve their pre-filed testimony and exhibits on all other parties of record as required by the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All parties are reminded that all witnesses must be present during any hearing in this matter at the call of the Chairman, or the Commission may decline to allow the witnesses' testimony to be read into the record of the proceeding, and/or may decline to allow the witnesses' exhibits to be entered into the evidence of the case.

AUGUST 17, 2000

PAGE 3

---

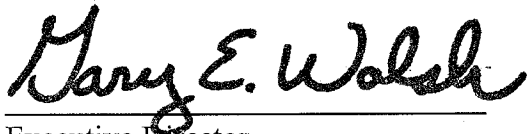
Please take notice that any party requesting modification of this schedule must file a request for such modification with the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director

(SEAL)